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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-18
July 26, 2021**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheets, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: **Valley Sand and Gravel, LLC
7510 Applegate Drive
Helena, MT 59602**

FACILITY NAME: **Applegate Meadows Subdivision**

FACILITY LOCATION: **Northern end of the Helena Valley**

RECEIVING WATER: **Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MTX000176**

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit to Valley Sand and Gravel, LLC for the existing Applegate Meadows Subdivision. This permitting action reauthorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the existing wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's proposed location is: Northwest ¼ of Section 19, Township 11 North, Range 3 West, Lewis and Clark County.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: City of Bozeman
FACILITY NAME: City of Bozeman Water Treatment Plant (Sourdough)
FACILITY LOCATION: Located approximately 6 miles south of downtown Bozeman at 7022 Sourdough Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715
RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 002 – Class I Ground Water
PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000224

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit to City of Bozeman for the existing City of Bozeman Water Treatment Plant at 7022 Sourdough Canyon Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the existing wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The proposed facility will use a subsurface structure (Outfall 002) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's proposed location is as follows: Latitude, 45.5992°, Longitude, -111.022778°; Section 6, Township 3 South, Range 3 West, Gallatin County.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Town of Alberton
PO Box 115
Alberton, MT 59820
FACILITY NAME: Town of Alberton Wastewater Treatment Facility
FACILITY LOCATION: T14N, R23W, Section 3
Mineral County
RECEIVING WATER: Clark Fork River
PERMIT NUMBER: MT0021555

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to the Clark Fork River. The Town of Alberton operates a three-cell aerated lagoon cell system with a design flow of 0.054 million gallons per day. The proposed permit will immediately apply secondary treatment standards for five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) and pH; treatment equivalent to secondary (TES) for TSS; and limits on E. coli bacteria. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity with monthly reporting of results.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: City of Colstrip
FACILITY NAME: City of Colstrip Sewage Treatment Plant
FACILITY LOCATION: SW¼ of Section 27, T2N, R41E
COUNTY: Rosebud
RECEIVING WATER: East Fork Armells Creek
PERMIT NUMBER: MT0022373

Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is proposing to renew the Montana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) discharge permit for Colstrip's Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The STP consists of an activated sludge system, followed by ultraviolet disinfection, which may be discharged to East Fork Armells Creek or used for irrigation. This permit proposes effluent limits for 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅), total suspended solids (TSS), and pH; mass-based BOD₅ and TSS load limits; and percent removal requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUGUST 25, 2021.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUGUST 25, 2021,** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a

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public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373 and 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative

record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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